This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for updating data at a backup system that tracks updates made to a primary system, the method comprising:

creating a group including a plurality of update requests <u>having an order dependency</u>;

concurrently completing the plurality of update requests of the group; and

after completing the plurality of update requests, completing a subsequent update request.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein completing a subsequent update request includes creating a subsequent group.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group further includes creating a group that includes a plurality of requests initiated at a plurality of applications.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group further includes updating a count associated with a number of the plurality of update requests.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising selectively activating the method of claim 1.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group further includes updating a status indicative of whether the group is active.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group further includes assigning a group number to an update request of the plurality of update requests.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein completing the plurality of update requests further includes issuing an update request of the plurality of update requests.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group further includes reading a group number from an update request of the plurality of update requests.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein completing the plurality of update requests further includes holding the subsequent update request.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein completing the subsequent update request further includes releasing a hold on the subsequent update request.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group, completing the update requests and completing the subsequent update request further comprises creating the group, completing the update requests and completing the subsequent update request on a primary system.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group, completing the update requests and completing the subsequent update further comprises creating the group, completing the update requests and completing the subsequent update on the backup system.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for updating data at a backup system that tracks updates made to a primary system, the method comprising:
    synchronously processing a plurality of groups of update requests <u>having an order dependency</u>; and
    asynchronously processing the update requests in each group.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein processing the plurality of update requests further includes holding an update request of another group of the plurality of groups.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein processing the groups further includes assigning a group number to an update request of the plurality of update requests.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
    a processor; and
    a computer-readable medium encoded with program code communicating with the processor configured to process a plurality of update requests having an order dependency by initiating creation of a group including a portion of the plurality of update requests ~~having no order dependency~~, concurrently initiating completion of the portion of the plurality of update requests, and after initiating the completion of the portion of the plurality of update requests, ~~and~~ initiating completion of a subsequent update request.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer-readable medium encoded with the program code resides on at least one of a backup system and a primary system, and the backup system is peripheral from the primary system.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer-readable medium encoded with the program code initiates creating a subsequent group.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the group includes a plurality of requests initiated at a plurality of applications.

21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer-readable medium encoded with the program code initiates updating a count associated with a number of the plurality of update requests.

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer-readable medium encoded with the program code initiates updating a status indicative of whether the group is active.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a memory accessible to the computer-readable medium encoded with the program code.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer-readable medium encoded with the program code initiates assigning a group number to an update request of the plurality of update requests.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer-readable medium encoded with the program code initiates issuing an update request of the plurality of update requests.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer-readable medium encoded with the program code initiates reading a group number from an update request of the plurality of update requests.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer-readable medium encoded with the program code initiates holding the subsequent update request.

28. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer-readable medium encoded with the program code initiates releasing a hold on the subsequent update request.

29. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer-readable medium encoded with the program code resides on a backup system.

30. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein <u>the computer-readable medium encoded with</u> the program code resides on a primary system.

31. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

<u>a computer-readable medium encoded with</u> program code in communication with the processor configured to update data at a backup system that tracks updates made to a primary system by initiating the synchronous processing of a plurality of groups of update requests <u>having an order dependency</u> and initiating the asynchronous processing of the update requests in each group.

32. (Currently Amended) A program product, comprising:

program code in communication with at least one of a primary and backup system, the program code configured to initiate creation of a group including a plurality of update requests <u>having an order dependency</u>, and to concurrently initiate completion of the plurality of update requests, and after initiating the completion of the plurality of update requests, the program code being further configured to initiate completion of a subsequent update request; and

a recordable type, signal bearing medium bearing the program code.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) A program product, comprising:

program code in communication with at least one of a primary and backup system, the program code configured to initiate synchronously processing a plurality of groups of update requests <u>having an order dependency</u>, and to initiate asynchronously processing the update requests in each group; and

a recordable type, signal bearing medium bearing the program code.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising after completing the plurality of update requests, arranging the plurality of update requests of the group according to the order dependency.